

Research Interview Questions (for Deliverable #2 – *Sqigwts* Knowledge and Praxis Inventory, First Stage – Ethnographic Inventory) **Research Interview Questions** (for Deliverable #2 – *Sqigwts* Knowledge and Praxis Inventory, part of First Stage – Ethnographic Inventory)

After introducing the project, with Tribal approval and support, after reviewing the possible risks and benefits and having the interviewee read and sign the Informed Consent Form, and after securing use of an audio recorder for the interview, the following semi-structured questions would be asked:

A. Demographic Information: what is your age, gender, family affiliation and upbringing?

B. Inventory Information: what is your knowledge of *sqigwts*, also known as “water potato” (*Sagittaria latifolia*)? Possible follow-up questions:

1. When was the last time you gathered water potatoes?

2. When was the last time you ate water potatoes?

3. What is the significance and meaning of *sqigwts* or water potatoes for you?

Nutrition

Spiritual

Cultural Heritage

Other

4. Do you have information, from remembrances or personal experiences, on preparations necessary before gathering?

Various ways?

5. Do you have information, from remembrances or personal experiences, on the activities associated with actual gathering?

Special right to do so?

Particular knowledge and background to do so?

Prayers? Addressed to whom and why?

Offerings made or gifts given to the water potato?

Tools for gathering?

How much would be gathered?

Other considerations in gathering?

Special locations and permission to access?

5. Do you have information, from remembrances or personal experiences, on the activities associated with preparing to eat water potatoes?

6. Do you have information, from remembrances or personal experiences, on the activities associated with storing water potatoes?

7. Do you have information, from remembrances or personal experiences, on the events, situations or contexts within which water potatoes would be served?

8. Do you have information, from remembrances or personal experiences, on the activities associated with distributing water potatoes to others?

Who would be possible recipients? And why?

How much would be shared?

9. Do you have information, from remembrances or personal experiences, on the changes over time on the availability of water potatoes?

Are there fewer or more or the same amount of water potatoes available today?

What are the causes of those changes?

10. Do you have additional information, from remembrances or personal experiences, on water potatoes, not asked of you in this interview?

11. Who would you recommend me talking to next that might have information on water potatoes?